

## LENKINSHIP NAMED

The better element in the ninety-ninth ward wanted a candidate who would properly represent the principle they stood for and he was hard to find. At length one suggested the name of Mr. G. V. Lenkinship, a modest and retiring gentleman, whose wife kept a boarding house. To a small number of intimate friends Mr. Lenkinship was known as a fluent talker on political subjects and so absorbed was he in questions of public interest that he would frequently set his market basket down on the sidewalk and stride to the news stand man till his wife would come around the corner and want to know if he was ever coming home with that market basket.

Mr. Lenkinship nourished secret ambitions, but his naturally retiring disposition and his domestic relations had resulted in a self-effacement which anywhere else than in the political field would have been truly beautiful.

When the name of Mr. Lenkinship was suggested for the candidacy to few of the better element knew him that it was proposed to give a reception to him in Washington Hall. If the committee should secure his consent to a nomination, in order that the voters might have an opportunity of seeing the man who was to lead them to victory.

Mr. Lenkinship very modestly accepted the call of duty as presented by the committee and very wisely concealed the fact from his wife. According to Mrs. Lenkinship he wasn't good for anything except to use around the house and he knew very well that she would not be in harmony with his political ambition. It would be time enough for her to know about that when he had been elected and had been brought home to her arms in a blaze of glory. And such a glory! In his dreams he saw the name of Lenkinship inscribed upon the eternal tablets of fame and he could hear thousands of his victorious fellow citizens enthusiastically shouting: "Hooray for Lenkinship!"

"Hooray for Lenkinship!" "He's all right!" "Lenkinship, Lenkinship, two more cheers for Lenkinship!" and so on through the whole category of campaign. It was in a dream he stood by the chairman's side at his own reception and looked upon the sea of strange faces, strange about him. It was not a very large sea, but dreams magnify and Mr. Lenkinship was still dreaming as the chairman introduced him to the throng and gave them a map and a diagram of their proposed leader's identity. Then the chairman invited everybody to pass in line and shake hands with their distinguished fellow citizen and Mr. Lenkinship began to wake up.

"How are you, Mr. Lenkinship?" said the first comrade.

"Glad to shake your hand, Mr. Lenkinship," said the next one.

"Good for you, Lenkinship," said a hilarious hustler, pulling his arm out by the roots.

"Heaven bless you, Brother Lenkinship," said the pastor of a church Mr. Lenkinship never was inside of.

"Good luck, Mr. Lenkinship," said the pick pusher, who was evidently out of his element but meant well.

"How'd you do, Mr. Lenkinship?" greeted a former looking party.

"Hello, Lenkinship; I'll do all I can to run you in," exclaimed a former policeman, grown familiar in politics.

Mr. Lenkinship was wide awake now and the way these people handled his name began to affect his nerves. But they kept coming and they kept greeting him with the name of Lenkinship twisted into strange and grotesque shapes. To see it like some of them on the tablets of eternal fame would have given his owner the nightmare.

"Pleased to meet you, Mr. Lenkinship," said the next one.

Here's one for Lenkinship," shouted another hilarious voice. "Hello, Mr. Lenkinship's arm almost tore from the shoulder.

"Lenkinship's our man," cried another, yanking his arm to the right.

"Not if I know it!" thought Mr. Lenkinship, who by this time was becoming desperate. But he was discreetly silent.

Then several more passed along and Mr. Lenkinship experienced a feeling of great relief, for the end of the line was in sight.

"Runsharp is a name to conjure with," whispered a rather flashy dressed patriot, as he pressed Mr. Lenkinship's hand with a mysterious grip, "and we'll gather the geese in for fair."

It was a strenuous moment for Mr. Lenkinship, but he restrained his impetuous city and did not attempt to make a slaughter house of the battle field. Hope had withered in his ambitious bosom, however, and he knew that the name of Lenkinship would never be inscribed upon the eternal tablets of fame. Just what it would be when it was inscribed there he shuddered to think. Still, he was practically committed to the leadership of the movement for improved government and he did not see his way clear to an honorable retraction before it was everlastingly late.

Profoundly perturbed, Mr. Lenkinship wondered what manner of letter he should write to the chairman of the reception committee next day, to be bed and talked in his sleep. Next morning Mrs. Lenkinship sent Mr. Lenkinship off to market and wrote the letter herself. She did not know all the circumstances, but she knew enough to go round and Mr. Lenkinship was glad that Heaven had made him such a woman—By W. J. Lampton in the New York Herald.

## SERVANT GIRL PROBLEM

Mrs. Russell Sage, writing in the New York World, says:

How to keep servants should be no problem to any woman of today. It has never been a problem to me and I never expect it will be. I have never experienced any trouble in keeping my servants with me.

I have a coachman who has been with me for thirty years. One of my maids has been in the family for twenty years and another has been with me for ten years.

There is no secret about it—it rests in the domesticity of the lady of the house.

If a woman is domestic in her tastes, if she loves her home, if she takes an interest in the little things of the day, if she treats her servants with plain, everyday kindness, she will have little difficulty in keeping them with her as long as she pleases.

There are plenty of people who love their servants only because they have married money and they are regularly the employers who have enough to start in some little business for themselves, or because they have enough to go back to their homes to live out the remainder of their days in quiet and content.

There are families, too, whose old retainers, now spending their old age in peace and comfort, are regularly the employers whose kindness gave them the opportunity to enjoy rest in the evening of their days.

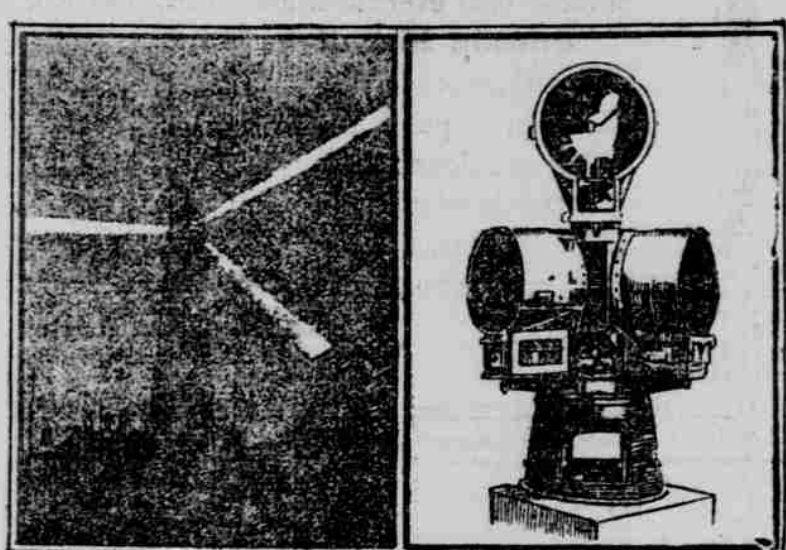
If you ask a woman who keeps the same servants year after year how she does it in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the answer will be, "I treat them properly."

## LATEST PORTRAIT OF KAISER AND KAISERIN.



The accompanying illustration was made from the latest photograph of the emperor and empress of Germany. It is considered a striking likeness of the royal couple.

## HELIGOLAND'S WONDERFUL LIGHTHOUSE.



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RAY THROWER.

A novel electric lighthouse, said to be the most powerful in the world, has just begun shedding its rays around the little German island of Heligoland. The illustration shows the lighthouse and also the novel light throwing apparatus in which parabolic glass mirrors are used instead of the glass dipping lenses which have hitherto enjoyed undisputed supremacy. The new method places its light concentrating apparatus at the back of the light and not in front. A ray of very high candle power is thrown for the tenth of a second every five seconds by means of an electric current, which is brought to the lantern of the lighthouse from a power house some 250 yards distant.

Servants will stay in any good place as long as they are treated well.

"That is very true, but to say simply, 'I treat them well' is in reality giving no answer at all to the question. Ideas as to treating servants well are very diversified. I know a lady who ordered coffee served every morning to her maids in bed, let her use one of the family carriages to ride about in, gave her a good room and paid her high wages.

Yet the landlady left her.

Kindness to servants does not mean a carriage nor luxury. It certainly does not mean coffee in bed in the morning. Few of the proper kind of mistress allow themselves that luxury, unless they are really ill. Kindness means simply a little consideration for the feelings of the servant, comfortable quarters and good food.

The mistress who does this need have little fear about keeping her servants.

But women who spend all their time outside their own homes, women who never show any concern in the smooth running of the domestic economy, cannot expect to keep servants for any length of time. A woman must really place herself at the head of her household, not in the rear, but in the front. She must prove to her servants that she is interested in the proper management of the home and that she is therefore interested in what they are doing.

"I make it a point to visit my kitchen. I see every part of the house where the servants are engaged in their regular duties. I don't go as a spy, but as an interested co-worker with them. That tends to inspire them with an interest in their work."

Such kindly interest brings servants into more harmonious relation with the mistress who serves. It makes them feel that their interests are being watched and that they are really a part of the smooth-running household, just as much as the master who pays their wages or the mistress who provides in the drawing room.

This engineers a feeling among the servants that it is their home as well as their employer's. They are bound to them by a common interest at once. They have a mutual sympathy and good feeling for each other and the result is a harmonious, well-ordered home.

There are plenty of good servants to be had. I am afraid that the lady of the house is very often and even more to blame for the loss of her servants and her inability to keep them than the servants themselves.

You cannot expect human beings to live like animals. You cannot put them in rooms devoid of furniture or gaudy even of a window, perhaps, and expect faithful service. You cannot feed them upon food you yourself would not touch. You cannot expect them to work seven days a week without the slightest opportunity for rest or recreation. When you do, you find that your servants will not stay with you as some people's do.

I have known, and every one else knows, of many excellent servants who prefer smaller wages in a well-ordered family where their conduct is a part of the household scheme, to working for another family where the wages are higher but the life of the servants is utterly ignored.

There would be little in the servant problem if our families were more domestic and if the mistress of the home took more interest in their everyday affairs.

RULES FOR MISTRESS AND MAID.

For thirty years, Mrs. Russell Sage and her husband have been housekeeper and domestic in the home of August Obbergers, of Chicago. In all that time there has never been a murmur of discontent from either employer or employee, and there has been no friction in the management of the Obbergers' household affairs that in a well-regulated machine.

Francis Holman holds the record for continuous service in one Chicago family. At the old settlement place, last week, where the gray-haired man and woman who had known Chicago as an Indian village met to tell stories of the past, she was awarded the first prize for faithful service.

"It all comes from having a definite understanding," says Obbergers, the eighty-year-old employer. "My housekeeper knows her duties, and I consider that I have duties equally binding on me. Outside of her household work, she owes nothing to me, and I never presume to interfere with her manner of using her spare time."

The first week that she was in the home the Obbergers formulated the first rule. He wrote on a large sheet of paper, "Do not interfere with the girl's amusements after her work is done."

In the succeeding years other rules have been added until they make a rather formidable creed.

There have been rules added for the department of both girl and employer. To the consideration of Obbergers of both sets he attributes the even tenor of the long term of service. For years no additional rule has been written on the list, for life in the family has been settled into a regular routine. But the paper, worn and stained, still hangs in the kitchen even though its words years ago memorized.

Do not interfere with the girl's amusements after her work is done.

Besides regular afternoons and evenings off, give a maid an occasional unexpected day off.

Don't expect more from a servant than you could do yourself.

Meals shall be prepared at regular hours and the girl's work must not be delayed by trifles.

Increase wages in proportion as services become valuable.

Remember that your servant is a human being, not a beast of burden.

Place some room other than the kitchen at her disposal to receive company.

If criticism is to be made, do it in a cool, dispassionate manner.

Follow the Golden Rule.

Don't try to make a woman do a man's work. I mean by that, caring for lawns and flowers in small homes.

Do not interfere with any of her superstitions or religious beliefs.

Do not interfere with her love affairs unless she asks advice.

The rules for maids are these:

Don't gossip about the family or neighborhood affairs.

Don't grumble, except when you are alone.

Always remember that you are not an employer and avoid humiliation.

Do faithfully all the work you are expected to do—and a little more.

Try to anticipate the wants of your employer.

Be as regular as a clock each day in the performance of duties.

In seeking amusement use judgment, and do not report yourself in a boisterous manner.

Chicago was a small town when August Obbergers arrived there fifty years ago. He came directly from Prussia, and built a modest cottage near the location of his present home, No. 204 Canalport avenue.

He was a blacksmith, and the farmers driving into the city from the south stopped at his shop to have their wagons repaired and their horses shod.

He prospered at his work, and thirty-one years ago decided that he could support the luxury of one servant girl for his wife. Then Anna Holmann came into the Obbergers' family. She was twenty-four years old and had been in the country a year.

During that time she had worked at various places as a domestic. At one place she stayed six months, at another she stayed four months and at others only a few weeks. At none of them did she feel satisfied or contented. She was sent to Obbergers by a friend who had known her in Luxembourg. Mrs. Obbergers dubiously accepted the assistance of the new girl.

Obbergers did not work long at his trade after the girl entered his employ. He built on the land which he had acquired in the early days of Chicago and soon moved into the house which he now occupies. The girl, now fifty-five years old, comes and goes to and from the house like a member of the family. Her employers never dream of discharging her maid.

## CLASSIFIED WANTS



## FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—An experienced dining-room girl; wages from \$12 to \$15 per month. Arcade Hotel, Ponca City, O. T. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Good girl for housework. Apply over grocery. Murdoch and Lawrence. 14-3-12.

WANTED—A good, reliable girl for general work; liberal wages. Apply 214 Shirley avenue. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Frisco Hotel, 804-806 E. Douglas avenue. 14-3-12.

WANTED—A housekeeper to look after two little girls. Call after 6 a. m. on Sunday. 1412 N. Washburn avenue. F. W. Brinkman. 14-3-12.

WANTED—At once, a middle-aged woman for general housework; no washing or ironing. Apply to Mrs. A. J. Nelson, 1311 S. Wichita street. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Laundress to do work at own home. References required. 332 River view. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. In family of four. Apply at 308 Sycamore street, between Maple and Douglas. 14-3-12.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. R. C. Parker, 115 N. Market. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Good girl to do general housework; no washing or ironing. Mrs. B. Levi, 254 N. Lawrence. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Inquire Shields Millinery Co., 121 N. Main street. 14-3-12.

WANTED—An experienced girl for general housework. 401 N. Lawrence. 14-3-12.

WANTED—A seamstress at 129 W. Douglas. Steady work. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Nurse for baby; girl or woman. Wages, \$3 per week. 1804 South Santa Fe. 14-3-12.

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. 535 S. Topeka. 14-3-12.

WANTED—A good girl or woman to do housework. 425 S. Water street. 14-3-12.

WANTED—First-class dining-room girls. St. James Hotel, Winfield. 7-12.

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## WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—Cleaning and polishing. I am ready to blacken and polish all kinds of stoves, pipes, brass, etc., at very reasonable prices. Will come promptly to your residence. Work guaranteed. Address Box 357, city. 14-3-12.

WANTED—We will buy one or two hundred cords of cottonwood. Western Furniture and Manufacturing Co., corner Liberty and Santa Fe. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Small steel safe, for vault. Box 88, Graves P. O. 14-3-12.

WANTED—To 100 acres of cornstalks, with water and shelter. 707 N. Emporia. 14-3-12.

WANTED—Your feathers to renovate. H. E. Douglas. 14-3-12.